

God's Positioning System – G.P.S. (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Proposition: Every child of God can implement God's Positioning System for their lives by following 3 principals found in these verses.

If we use this GPS...

I. We Can Surpass the Problems of our Living (Vs. 5)

- A. The Default Reaction to Problems (Vs. 5b)
- B. The Divine Requirement for Problems (Vs. 5a)

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II. We must Stir our Passion for our Lord (Vs. 6a)

- A. A Pursuing Passion (Vs. 6a "*acknowledge Him*")
- B. A Prevailing Passion (Vs. 6a "*in all thy ways*")

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III. He will Steer the Paths of Our Life (Vs. 6b)

- A. Into Sovereign Paths (Vs. 6b "*he shall direct*")
- B. Into Sufficient Paths (Vs. 6b "*direct thy paths.*")

Proverbs 3:5-6: God's Positioning System.

When the Brown household loaded up for vacation when I was a kid, nothing was more important to dad than his large Rand McNally road map. From time to time dad would even let me hold it and read off directions. Well the days of the old paper map are about to be ancient history. The thing to use these days is the Handy dandy G.P.S Global Positioning System. This little gadget no bigger than a calculator holds within it about every nook and cranny you would want to go to. This device knows where you are by an unseen satellite way above head and from there it enlightens you about your desired direction. That's all fine and good geographically but what about when it comes to life. A G.P.S. can reroute you around a traffic jam but is the guiding device that will lead you when life is turned upside down. Well when it comes to life + eternity, the best guide is the word of God. Sent from God above, it tells us where we are in life and will lead us in the right direction. This particular

1. We can Surpass the Problems of Our Living
(v.5). You don't have to live very long to realize that life has its share of problems humps along the road. Job 5:7 Oetting

You can count on it that man is a few days & full of trouble

A. The Default Reaction to Problems (V5b)

Our natural default reaction to problems is seen in v.5. The word "lean" means to "support ones self." Isn't that what we do when problems come? We look inwardly to our selves, our own strength, our own reasoning. When we lean on our own self we find that we are not self supporting and we fall into worry, stress and depression. I read where one fella said "Everybody's worried about when we look to our own understanding we soon find the difficulties are too great, the problems are

B. The Divine Requirement for Problems (V5a)

God requires that we trust him! Trust the Lord. The word trust here means to hide for Refuge. When we are confused and lost amidst the problems of life, the child of God has ~~a~~ ⁶ refuge, a hiding place which he can run to! Deut 33:27 → Samuel 22:3 Ps 46:1

Trust the Lord with all thine heart. 1 Peter 5:7 tells us to cast all our cares upon Him. We face a year of great uncertainty and difficulty. The way to surpass all these is to trust in the Lord. In middle school we had to do the trust

II. We Must Stir our Passion for Our Lord (V6a)

Just as you have to turn on the G.P.S. and make sure it is charged for it to work. So to do we have some responsibilities for

- 1) ...this particular passage of scripture is a great summary of divine G.P.S (God's Positioning System). Every child of God can implement God's Positioning System for their lives by following 3 principals found in these verses.
- 2) Job 5:7 ...man is born unto trouble, as the sparks fly upward.

...the trials of life are like sparks flying upward.

- 3) ...“Everyone's worried about the economy this year. Hey, my hairline is in recession, my waistline is in inflation, and altogether, I'm in depression.”

...problems are too confusing, and the trials are too heavy for us to bare.

- 5) **Deuteronomy 33:27** The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms... **2 Samuel 22:3** The God of my rock; in him will I trust: he is my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my saviour; thou savest me from violence. **Psalms 46:1** God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

- 6) ..do the trust fall. We had to stand on the bleachers one by one and fall into the arms of our snickering classmates. It was hard to trust the jesters, dainty girls and the weaklings. As you stand on the verge of an uncertain 2009, will you trust falling into the hands of an all mighty God.

to you who long for entrance to heaven mentioned above. It has been to satisfy your desire to receive the same, I have enclosed with these words an extract from the New Testament.

- 1) Peter 3:18 says, But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and forever. Amen.

2) ...favorite hymns is by Eliza E. Hewitt - More about Jesus let me learn, More of His holy will discern; Spirit of God, my teacher be, Showing the things of Christ to me. More, more about Jesus, More, more about Jesus; More of His saving fullness see, More of His love who died for me.

- 3) ...all the rest of the week. So many of you wonder around aimlessly through life and wonder why: In all thy ways acknowledge Him! o friends of man, tell me, do they know it?
 blot out if unnecessary giving them to whom we're not related this year & add new ones along with those you do remember. Add recent ones. And say how GOD'S instructions He to have left no blot out if you give to people you don't know or don't know well

using God's P.S. Notice what we find in this verse

A. A Pursuing Passion - The word acknowledge means simply to know, to be familiar with. "Acknowledge Him" We are to be ever increasing in the knowledge of God. 1 Peter 3:18

Do you make it your passion in life to know more about the Lord Jesus? To pursue him. Remember when you first met your future wife. How you pursued to know every thing you could about her. Unfortunately time eats away that pursuing passion. Jesus told the church at Ephesus that they had lost their first love. Have you lost the first love for Jesus. One of my favorite hymns is

B. A Prevailing Passion - "In all thy ways" This pursuing passion is to the the prevail passion of all of life. I have often referred to a career counseling class I took in high school. The text book had all of life sections out in a pie chart, 1 section work family, leisure, hobbies, schooling and spiritual. All separated in sections of pie. Well for the believe, God owns the hole pie! and he is to prevail in every piece of your pie. Upon G.P.S will not work with a little tip of your hat to go

on Sunday man and forget him all the rest of the

III. He will Sheer the Paths of Our Life
(Vs 6 b) I was thinking about a toy I had as a child. It was a car driving toy you had in your hand. When you turned it on a paper map scrolled

down the river. At the river was a plastic car

A. into Sovereign Paths (Vs6b) and He shall direct "He, the Sovereign God of the universe will direct thy path. That word 'direct' was sometimes used in the Bible to speak of that which is straight or even. When you are following God's Positioning System, He will never lead you the wrong path. There may be a lot of twists and turns in the path he leads us in. But it is always the direct sovereign path of God. Left to our selves we will veer off course every time. But if we trust Him, if we acknowledge Him in His will

B. into Sufficient Paths (Vs6b) - This word direct also carries the idea of prosperity. A path of Sufficiency. The Lord Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount took us to all the needs of life. Food, Raiment, shelter, then gives us the New Test. verse of God's Positioning System in Matt 6:33
Prov 2:15 of the crooked and froward path of the evil man. You don't have to look very far to find the wasted, ruined and want ing lives of the wrong path. But God promises his people, paths of sufficiency to those that

IV. Closing - G. P. S. You know the only way that a G.P.S will work is if it is linked up to that satellite. W/O that link you are lost. 2Cor 4 if our gospel is hid, it is hid to the

- 1) ...was a plastic car that was controlled by a little steering wheel.

The goal was to guide the little plastic car down the approaching path. This verse indicates that if we will trust in Him and pursue Him, our little lives will be guided by His powerful hand.

- 2) ...direct us down His perfect path.

- 3) Matthew 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

- 4) ...trust and seek after Him.

- 5) ...hid to them that are lost. If you have never placed your trust in the Lord Jesus as your Saviour then you are lost. Come to Him today.